

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

106th Congress  
1st Session

Vote No. 298

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## LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION/Unauthorized Teacher Hiring Program

**SUBJECT:** Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000 . . . S. 1650. Specter motion to table the Murray amendment No. 1804.

### ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 54-44

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 1650, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000, will provide \$324.2 billion in new budget authority, which is \$22.531 billion more than provided in fiscal year (FY) 1999 and is \$911.0 million less than requested. This amount includes advance discretionary and mandatory appropriations and \$9.902 billion in spending from trust funds. Budget authority for fiscal year 2000 discretionary spending will total \$84.018 billion.

**The Murray amendment** would mandate that \$1.4 billion be spent on an unauthorized program to pay for the hiring of local public school teachers for the early grades (kindergarten through third grade).

Debate was limited by unanimous consent. After debate, Senator Specter moved to table the Murray amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

**NOTE:** By unanimous consent, the Murray first-degree amendment was debated concurrently with a Gorton first-degree amendment (see vote No. 297). The Gorton amendment would appropriate \$1.2 billion for a teacher assistance initiative, pending authorization of such an initiative. If such an initiative were not authorized by July 1, 2000, the \$1.2 billion would be distributed to the States to be used for authorized education purposes, including to reduce the average number of students in classrooms. In the latter case funds would be distributed using the formula employed by the unauthorized teacher hiring initiative that was inserted into last year's massive omnibus appropriations bill during last-minute negotiations (see 105th Congress, 2nd session, vote No. 314). The bill, as reported, will appropriate \$1.2 billion to give teacher assistance to local education agencies only if such assistance is specifically authorized by subsequent legislation.

See vote No. 297 for debate.

YEAS (54)		NAYS (44)		NOT VOTING (2)	
Republicans (54 or 100%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (44 or 100%)	Republicans (1)	Democrats (1)
Abraham	Helms	Akaka	Johnson	McCain- <sup>2</sup>	Levin- <sup>4AN</sup>
Allard	Hutchinson	Baucus	Kennedy		
Ashcroft	Hutchison	Bayh	Kerrey		
Bennett	Inhofe	Biden	Kerry		
Bond	Jeffords	Bingaman	Kohl		
Brownback	Kyl	Boxer	Landrieu		
Bunning	Lott	Breaux	Lautenberg		
Burns	Lugar	Bryan	Leahy		
Campbell	Mack	Byrd	Lieberman		
Chafee	McConnell	Cleland	Lincoln		
Cochran	Murkowski	Conrad	Mikulski		
Collins	Nickles	Daschle	Moynihan		
Coverdell	Roberts	Dodd	Murray		
Craig	Roth	Dorgan	Reed		
Crapo	Santorum	Durbin	Reid		
DeWine	Sessions	Edwards	Robb		
Domenici	Shelby	Feingold	Rockefeller		
Enzi	Smith, Bob (I)	Feinstein	Sarbanes		
Fitzgerald	Smith, Gordon	Graham	Schumer		
Frist	Snowe	Harkin	Torricelli		
Gorton	Specter	Hollings	Wellstone		
Gramm	Stevens	Inouye	Wyden		
Grams	Thomas				
Grassley	Thompson				
Gregg	Thurmond				
Hagel	Voinovich				
Hatch	Warner				

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay